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*buck*, American, for New York, and bark *Banffshire*, British, for New York. September 11, steamship *Bellena*, British, from Santos, for New York; steamship *Clandeboze*, British, for Baltimore, steamship *Salerno*, German, for New York; bark *Sophia*, Portuguese, for Brunswick, Ga., and bark, *Fidelta*, Italian, for Pensacola, Fla. September 13, steamship *Hesperides*, British, for St. Lucia, West Indies.

Respectfully, yours,

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#### CANADA.

##### *Smallpox in Montreal.*

MONTREAL, *October 18, 1897.*

The present status of smallpox in this Province is as follows:

Municipality.	County.	Population.	Date of outbreak.	New cases since last report.	Total cases since outbreak.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.	Houses infected since outbreak.	Houses still infected.
Montreal City.....		240,000	July 2	0	17	9	4	(a)4	12	60
Westmount.....	Hochelaga.....	6,000	July 26	0	5	1	4	0	2	0
Ste. Cunégonde.....	.....do.....	8,000	Aug. 27	0	1	.....	.....	(a)1	1	60

*a* Except the isolation hospital.

*b* In the desquamation period.

N. B.—No new cases reported since October 4.

Yours, respectfully,

ELZÉAR PELLETIER,

*Secretary Board of Health of the Province of Quebec.*

#### CHINA.

##### *End of the plague in Amoy.*

AMOY, CHINA, *September 2, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that the epidemic of bubonic plague, which has existed here for three months, is regarded as finished. The local port surgeons reported to me the improved condition of the port, under date, August 23, as per inclosed copy of the same. Ten days having passed since that report, and the improved condition having continued, I feel justified in concurring in the opinion of the surgeons that the epidemic is finished.

The total absence of any statistics, or any intelligent effort to keep pace with the progress of the disease on the part of the native authorities, renders any report more or less unreliable.

It might, however, be interesting to have even an estimate of the extent of the epidemic during the past three months, and the effect upon the people generally.

The Chinese Government takes no census and keeps no record of births or deaths. Life is too cheap to justify the outlay. The population of any city or village is always a matter of estimation, or guess,